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FOR AF DICK MOOSE

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: PROPOSED TALKING POINTS TO FRONT LINE AND
NIGERIA.

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1. PROPOSED JOINT DEMARCHE WOULD NOT BE WELL RECEIVED
BY MACHEL. WHILE TALKING POINTS ACKNOWLEDGE PARENTHETICALLY
THAT "OTHER PARTIES AS WELL AS THE PATRIOTIC FRONT
ARE RESPONSIBLE " FOR THE CURRENT IMPASSE, THE THRUST OF THE
TALKING POINTS PUTS ON US FOR FAILURE TO MOUNT AN ALL
PARTIES CONFERENCE CLEARLY ON THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. MACHEL
WILL CONDISER THIS GROSSLY UNFAIR, SINCE AS FAR AS HE
KNOWS NONE OF THE POTHER PARTIES HAS AS YET AGREED TO
ATTEND AND ACCORDING TO THE PRESS SMITH HAS SET WHAT IN
MACHEL'S VIEWS ARE UNACCEPTABLE PRECONDITIONS FOR HIS
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(SMITH'S) ATTENDANCE.

2. IN MY DISCUSSIONS WITH MACHEL OVER PAST FEW MONTHS,
HE HAS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN THAT AS RESULT UK/US
UNHAPPINESS WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT, WE WERE BEGINNING SEE
MUGABE AND NKOMO AS THE "VILLAIN IN THE PIECE" RATHER
THAN SMITH AND HIS ILLEGAL REGIME. MACHEL THOUGH WE WERE

LOSING SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT IT WAS SMITH AND HIS REGIME'S UNWILLINGNESS TO SHARE CAUSE WITH THE BLACKS THAT WAS AND REMAINS THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM. MACHEL WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS BEEN INTRANSIGENT AND HAS CREATED PROBLEMS FOR US WITH THE ANGLO AMERICAN PLAN, BUT TO VENT OUR DISPLEASURE PRIMARILY ON THE PF WILL ONLY IRRITATE MACHEL.

3. I BELIEVE TOO THAT WHEN NEXT WE TALK TO MACHEL WE SHOULD TELL HIM WHY WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO RESUME THE TALKS WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ON THE AAP. AS MACHEL SEES IT, A SECOND MALTA MEETING IS THE PREFERRED OPTION, AND ONE WHICH HE WOULD LIKE US TO PURSUE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT WE CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS FOR AN ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE.

I WOULD GUESS THAT MACHEL THINKS THAT NOW IS A PROPITIOUS TIME FOR A SECOND MEETING WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. IF WE DO AGREE TO SUCH A MEETING, I BELIEVE MACHEL WOULD LOBBY ON OUR BEHALF WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO TRY TO ENSURE SOME POSITIVE RESULTS. (HE HAD ACCEPTED EARLIER OUR ARGUMENT THAT IT WOULD HELP SMITH IF THERE WERE A SECOND MEETING WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT THAT ENDED INCONCLUSIVELY)

4. IN SUM, I DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD JOIN THE BRITISH AT THIS TIME IN MAKING THE PROPOSED DEMARCHE. THE TALKING
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POINTS ARE NOT LIKELY TO MAKE MACHEL ANY MORE READY TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS FOR AN ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE AND COULD, IN FACT MAKE HIM LESS INCLINED TO BE HELPFUL.
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